**Graphic Novel Project**

You will create a graphic novel in which you will detail important events in history that have changed the world that we live in. You may select any information that we have learned from Quarter 1 till Quarter 4 so far, Neanderthals, Agriculture, Farming, Writing, Mesopotamia, Hammurabi’s Code of Laws, Chinese Empires, World Religions, Ancient Greece and Disease Black Death/ Bubonic Plague. Create a unique story which includes images and your own story to explain how history was made!

* **What details must have in my story?**

Dialogue, factual images of what really happened during the era you have selected, story elements (Plot), theme, and characterization .Also if you choose to have limited or no words, or dialogue. You are telling a story without words, or dialogue, make sure the reader understands what the story is

* **Example of a graphic novel today?**

The art in Diary of a Wimpy Kid, one of the most popular graphic novels out today, is all stick figures. It’s the combination of art style and writing that is unique to graphic novels.

* **What is a Graphic Novel?**

A Graphic Novel is a Comic Book only longer. The big difference is that when you write a comic book, it is usually put out in monthly installments. In graphic novel form, the book is complete. Whatever you call it, it’s simply storytelling with the art advancing the story, rather than illustrating the text, as in the classic storybook.

* **Do I need to have pictures?**

This is one of those questions that you can debate forever and still not come up with the answer. Of course you need interesting art to keep the reader intrigued because nobody likes a boring one! **YOU MUST HAVE ARTWORK NO EXCEPTIONS!**

* **How long does it need to be?**

It must have at least 15 to maximum of 30 boxes to create your story. Also if you are not a great artist you do not have to know how to draw, but you do need to find your unique style. Just figure out what works for you!

Use the following websites to get information and ideas for this project:

Mr. Donn Black Death, middle ages for kids: The Plague

<http://medievaleurope.mrdonn.org/plague.html>

Live Science: How the Black Death Changed the World:

<https://www.livescience.com/2497-black-death-changed-world.html>

Success Criteria:

Images and pictures: 45points

Should be original images and creation that you made not traced or copied from a source

* May use images and pictures from site for ideas only!
* The images don’t need to be perfect they need to be colored and your own creations
* Be factual pictures of what truly happened in those historical times!
* Minimum of 15 to 30 boxes to create the story, also you don’t need to create a box and then a picture as long as it’s a story with images.

Story elements: 35 points

Should have elements of a plot: setting, conflict, rising action, climax, falling action and a resolution in which it is told either with words or through images that can be identified as such.

Theme: 20 points

Should have a theme that either will be interpreted through the pictures or through the actual story being told in words.